

they have. That's a good idea. It's better money than just throwing out unemployment reimbursement if you can train people to have real jobs. This bill spends billions of dollars. We've got the Reemployment NOW Program. That's a new Federal bureaucracy, a new Federal program. We've got the State Plan at page 98. We've got the Bridge to Work Program at page 99. We're going to retrain people for jobs. We don't have jobs that they can fill, but we're going to spend a lot of time training them for jobs that don't exist.

Wouldn't we be better off encouraging the real job creators, the small business folks, to create jobs and then train them for that? But no. We're going to suck more capital out of the financial community and into the government so we can retrain people for jobs that don't exist.

Then we have, on page 106, the Short-Time Compensation Program. The Short-Time Compensation Program means a program in which the participation of the employers is voluntary and the employer reduces the number of hours worked by employees in lieu of layoffs. Such employees whose workweeks have been reduced by at least 10 percent are then eligible for unemployment compensation. If you lose 10 percent of your work time, guess what? We're now opening up a new avenue for unemployment compensation. Ten percent reduced is all it takes.

Employers—I've talked to so many—say, I don't want to fire anybody. I'm asking my employees to hang on. We're all reducing what we're taking in, and we're going to try to get through this without firing anybody, but everybody has had to take a cut.

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Well, this will make them eligible for unemployment compensation, which raises their unemployment insurance rates they have to pay, which means they are going to have to lay off somebody in order to pay the additional unemployment insurance rates.

Of course, then you have got temporary financing of short-term compensation agreements at page 109. Oh, we've got grants. We've got subsidized employment for unemployed low-income adults. You know, instead of sucking all this capital out of the private sector, it seems like we would want to help create more jobs.

Well, if you're not satisfied with all the jobs that are created by the new government programs, new government agencies, wonderful that we have got something better than Fannie and Freddie for infrastructure financing, that's great, but I understand that lawsuit filing is down significantly around the country. Our Constitution tells you, and we know in our hearts that it's wrong to discriminate against people based on race, creed, color, national origin, gender, those things make sense. We shouldn't discriminate, and those are protected classes.

We've also added, no matter what your sexual preference, your sexual ori-

entation, no matter what you're oriented toward sexually, because the Democratic majority would not allow us to define sexual orientation to exclude illegal activity. We know sexual orientation is a protected class now. We are adding in this bill a new protected class called unemployed. The title, on page 129, "Prohibition of Discrimination in Employment on the Basis of an Individual's Status As Unemployed."

It says right here in the findings that we "find that denial of employment opportunities to individuals because of their status as unemployed is discriminatory and burdens commerce." It goes on and explains this in the preceding pages.

So the good news is, if you're unemployed and you go to apply for a job, and you're not hired for that job, see a lawyer. You may be able to file a claim because you got discriminated against because you were unemployed.

Now, some would point out, legitimately, that will discourage people from doing interviews of people unemployed, because if they do, they've got a claim or may have a claim to make against the employer for discrimination based on the fact that they were unemployed.

I think that this will help trial lawyers who are not having enough work, because it can open the door. We heard from our friends across the aisle in the preceding hour, 14 million people out of work, that's 14 million potential new clients that could go hire a lawyer and file a claim because they didn't get hired even though they were unemployed.

We've heard the President demonizing billionaires and millionaires. You know, why are the Republicans so strong on trying to bail out their rich friends?

Well, what we've learned here in this town in recent years is that if the very wealthy don't mind being called names, they will be enriched and even engorged. For example, we know that Wall Street executives have been called fat cats by this administration and demonized.

Yet the little secret behind the scene's joke is, don't mind being called names; this administration has brought more profit to Wall Street than Goldman Sachs has ever seen in their history. Wall Street executives and their families gave to President Obama 4-to-1 over JOHN MCCAIN, so, of course, they've got a good little deal going on there. And also, demonize the oil and gas industry even though, you know, you love British Petroleum because they were going to endorse the cap-and-trade bill, and you demonize them, and then you stick provisions in this bill that have no effect on the big major oil companies.

They will only affect, these provisions at the back at pages 151, 152, 153, they will not affect the big majors like British Petroleum except that because they will destroy the ability of inde-

pendent producers that produce much or maybe most of the oil and gas in the continental U.S., it will drive them out of business. It will dry up investment.

This is repeal of the oil and gas working interest exception, the passive activity, so there are things in here that are going to dry up the independent oil company's ability to function.

And the pay-for—we were told over and over this is all paid for—is on page 155. Here it is, get ready: The Budget Control Act of 2011 is amended by striking \$1.5 trillion that the supercommittee is going to have to find in cuts and inserting \$1.95 trillion.

He's saying, It's all paid for. It's all paid for. And the way it's all paid for is the new supercommittee is now ordered under the President's bill to find another \$450 billion to pay for his bill. So it's all paid for, hallelujah, amen.

Now, there are so many more problems I haven't had a chance to get to, and there are probably some things that I probably missed even as I went through this, but there is such bad news for America in here.

Union workers, watch out: This may be the end of your jobs. But it's okay because the unions are growing by getting more government employees, not the hard-working folks in the regular unions. These are the government unions. It should say, instead of American jobs bill, saving the President's job bill, but this is a disaster for every other thinking person in America.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

IN MEMORY OF JENNIFER ROSE CERNUTO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MCHENRY) is recognized for 30 minutes.

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to an amazing young lady from my district that was taken from us far too soon and far too young. Jennifer Rose Cernuto was a resident of Mooresville, North Carolina, in Iredell County in my district, and had just graduated from high school in May.

She was looking forward to beginning college as part of the honors program at High Point University in the fall. Jennifer and her twin sister, Stephanie, served as interns in my district office in Hickory last year. My staff still talks about them and the great work that they did and their wonderful personalities and their real gift for service.

Both Jennifer and Stephanie's interest and passion for learning the inner workings of government and the district office and the political process were far beyond their years. But it was in dealing with constituents and helping people that both Jennifer and Stephanie truly blossomed.

In fact, the Cernutos had an ability to speak to constituents, many of

whom were upset about a problem that they were having or an encounter they had with a government agency or perhaps that their veterans benefits or a similar program weren't working for them. Calmly, they would document their issues and take good care with a thoroughness that most lifelong case-workers would envy. It was as if they had been on the job for years.

It was no surprise that Jennifer excelled in this type of work. Whether at school, at church, in everyday life, helping people was a hallmark of Jennifer Cernuto's life. In fact, she and Stephanie had just returned from Peru with a group of their fellow graduates from Southlake Christian Academy, where they helped build classrooms and held Bible study classes for indigent children.

Jennifer and Stephanie, you know, they come from a great family. I have known their parents, Jeff and Lisa, for several years, and I am honored to count them as friends. They are some of Mooresville's most outgoing and most charitable people. And with fine parents like these, it's no wonder Jennifer, Stephanie, and their older sister, Samantha, turned out to be the fine young women that they did. Incredible, special, young ladies.

But tragedy struck this family and the entire Mooresville community over the July 4 weekend when Jennifer and Stephanie were involved in an automobile accident. Sadly, Jennifer was taken on that day and Stephanie was injured. But, thankfully, thank the Lord, she survived.

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Thousands later turned out for Jennifer's memorial service and funeral. People asked, why did so many people, thousands of people, come out to this extraordinary 18-year-old young lady's funeral? It was, I think, put in the best words by the head of school at Southlake Christian Academy, Wayne Parker. He said, "Jennifer was full of joy that easily drew others, as she allowed her love of the Lord to shine through her."

Jennifer Rose Cernuto was a fine young lady, an impressive individual, and I was honored to know her. My staff still has the highest praise that they got to work with her. I say to Jeff and Lisa: You did a wonderful job raising that fine young lady. And I say to not just Jeff and Lisa but to Samantha and especially Stephanie, that the lives that Jennifer affected you can never count, but she had a wonderful and amazing impact in her brief time on this Earth. Her service will not be forgotten.

With that, I want to pay great honor and to remember Jennifer Rose Cernuto for the wonderful person and the wonderful individual she was in her brief time on this Earth. I want to say thank you for the opportunity to have known her.

I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BARLETTA (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today on account of severe flooding.

Mr. REYES (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for September 12 on account of a family medical emergency.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 53 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, September 14, 2011, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

3075. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 11-097, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3076. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 11-042, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3077. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 11-059, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3078. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 11-054, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3079. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 11-079, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3080. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 11-078, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3081. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 11-082, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3082. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 11-073, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3083. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 11-076, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3084. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department

of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 11-085, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3085. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 11-108, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3086. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 11-071, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3087. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 11-083, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3088. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 11-058, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3089. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 11-027, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3090. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 11-070, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3091. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 11-072, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3092. A letter from the Program Manager, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule — Medicare Program; Revisions to the Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Benefit Programs [CMS-4131-F and CMS 4138-F] (RIN: 0938-AP24 and 0938-AP52) received September 1, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

3093. A letter from the Program Manager, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule — Medicare Program; Changes to the Electronic Prescribing (eRx) Incentive Program [CMS-3248-F] (RIN: 0938-AR00) received September 1, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. BROWN of Georgia:

H.R. 2900. A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to provide for reciprocity in regard to the manner in which nonresidents of a State may carry certain concealed firearms in that State; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BRALEY of Iowa:

H.R. 2901. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increase the rehabilitation credit applicable to Heartland